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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES PUBLIC NATO WARNING NOW ABOUT POSSIBLE INTER-FERENCE IN YUGOSLAV INTERNAL AFFAIRS WOULD BE VARIOUSLY RECEIVED AND COULD HAVE UNFAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE. IT MIGHT WELL BE INTERPRETED HERE AS SIGN NATO DISAPPROVAL OF CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS (TRIGGERED PERHAPS BY CURRENT KOSYGIN VISIT). THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS INDICATIONS THAT GOY DOES NOT LIKE TO SEE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF QUESTION OF COUNTRY'S POSITION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, AND YUGO-SLAV LEADERSHIP WOULD LIKELY RESENT WHAT IT FELT WAS GRATUITOUS PUBLIC COMMENT ON YUGOSLAV FOREIGN RELATIONS. ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT ALSO BE CONSTRUED AS EVIDENCE NATO'S LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN YUGOSLAVIA'S FUTURE AFTER TITO. WE FEEL IT IS DEFINITELY IN OUR INTERESTS TO AVOID ADDING TO ANY SUCH JITTERS.

2. EMBASSY'S THOUGHTS ON CAMPBELL'S THESIS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR HANDLING OF "HANDS OFF YUGOSLAVIA" QUESTION ARE CONTAINED IN BELGRADE 4276.

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